

## CHAPTER 135 INTRODUCTION TO FAR PART 133 RELATED TASKS

**1. EXTERNAL-LOAD OPERATIONS.** FAR Part 133 is applicable to all operators conducting rotorcraft external-load operations. Any person conducting rotorcraft external-load operations must acquire a Rotorcraft External-Load Operator Certificate. The operator must have at least six months exclusive use of at least one rotorcraft certificated under FAR Parts 27, 29, or FAR § 21.25 for the special purpose of rotorcraft external-load operations.

**3. ATTACHING MEANS.** The attaching means for the external-load must have been approved under Part 8 of the Civil Aviation Regulations or under FAR Parts 27, 29, or 133.

**5. LOAD CLASSES.** The rotorcraft external-load operator may apply for authorization to operate in load classes A, B, C, and D.

A. Class A is an external cargo load that cannot move freely, cannot be jettisoned, and does not extend below the landing gear.

B. Class B is an external cargo load that can be jettisoned and is lifted free of land and/or water.

C. Class C is an external cargo load that can be jettisoned and remains in contact with land or water during the rotorcraft operation.

D. Class D is an external cargo load other than Class A, B, or C. A class D authorization is approved on an individual basis through the issuance of operations specification. A class D authorization has special considerations, especially in terms of operating rules.

